

REMARKS

In accordance with the foregoing, claim 12 has been amended and claim 16 has been cancelled. Claims 1-8, 11-13 and 15 are pending and under consideration. As all of these claims were allowed in the July 27, 2007 Office Action, the claims are in condition for allowance.

On page 2 of the Office Action, the Examiner objected to the Abstract, Title and Drawings, but it is unclear that changes are required. As discussed with the Examiner by telephone on October 17, 2007, from viewing the "Image File History" accessible via PAIR, it appears that an employee of the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office identified the pages of the English translation of the priority document filed on April 27, 2007 as parts of the application, including "Abstract" and "Drawings." There were no changes to the Abstract or Drawings requested on April 27, 2007. Therefore, withdrawal of the objections to the Abstract and Drawings is respectfully requested.

It is unclear whether the objection to the title related to the title of the application as amended on April 27, 2007, or was an objection to the title of the English translation of the priority document, as were the other objections. As of the April 27, 2007 Amendment, Applicants have provided two titles that they consider descriptive of the invention. If the Examiner does not consider the current title sufficiently descriptive, the Examiner is respectfully requested to suggest a title that is considered sufficiently descriptive.

There being no further outstanding rejections or objections to which the Applicants can respond, it is submitted that the application is in condition for allowance. An early action to that effect is courteously solicited.

If there are any formal matters remaining after this response, the Examiner is requested to telephone the undersigned to attend to these matters.

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Respectfully submitted,

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